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St. John's Episcopal Preschool Early Childhood Educator Series (ECES)

St. John's Episcopal Preschool is inspired by the philosophy of the municipal schools in Reggio Emilia, Italy. We believe children possess a natural capacity for joy, a sense of wonder about the world, and the motivation to make sense of their world. Every young child is intelligent and capable of constructing knowledge through interactions with parents, peers, and educators.

We view educators as researchers and seek to form a bridge to the wider educational community by developing programs to support colleagues in their individual and professional development. We offer tours, workshops, and presentations with the aim of collaborating with and learning from each other.



October 27 - Portrait of a Year

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

We know that children ages three to four define themselves in concrete terms and their self-image tends to be descriptive. How can we as educators collaborate with children as they explore their individuality and their relationships with others? What languages do children use as they research these questions?

Join St. John's teachers Joci Khalifa and Phil Bieber for a workshop on their year-long exploration of portraiture with three to four year-old children. They will discuss portraits in multiple media as well as out-of-classroom experiences that enrich children's understanding of themselves and others. The program will include time for classroom observation and a roundtable discussion.



December 13 - The Reggio Approach and Our Inspiration

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Introducing a new presentation: *Indications - Preschools and Infant-Toddler Centers of the Municipality of Reggio Emilia*. *Indications* is a recent document from Reggio Emilia that gives "substance and voice to the rights of children, parents, and teachers for a high quality, participatory education...". New images from *Landscapes - Open Window: Work in progress* will highlight the environment of the infant-toddler centers and preschools of Reggio Emilia.

In addition to the presentation, the morning will include a school tour, time for independent observation in the classrooms, and a group discussion to reflect on the underpinnings of the Reggio Emilia philosophy.

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- the name(s) of those registering
- the email address(es) of those registering
- which event you would like to attend

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I wish to attend:

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The tuition for each event is \$75 per person, NAREA members may deduct 10%.

Checks may be made payable to St. John's Episcopal Preschool and sent to 3240 O St. NW, Washington DC 20007. If you would like to pay by credit card, please call our Educational Program Assistant, Miranda Lodato, at 202-338-2574.

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